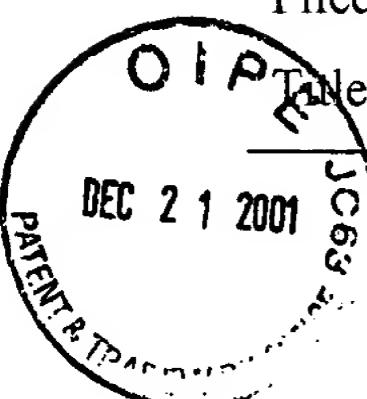


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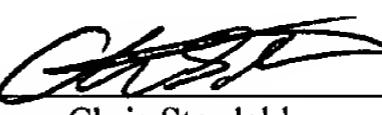


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PETITION REQUESTING CONVERSION TO A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(c)(2)

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Dear Sir:

Further to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(c)(2), conversion of the above-identified application to a provisional application is requested. Please accord the provisional application the original filing date of April 27, 2001. Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 to cover the fee for converting the application. Please also note the following:

1. Inventor Information      12/31/2001 BNNGUYEN1 00000117 09843542  
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2. Attached is a check in the amount of \$160.00 for payment of the provisional filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k).

3. Attached is the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Part 2.

4. Attached is a Request for 4 Month Extension of Time including fee of \$1,440.00.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

6. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Alan R. Stewart** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

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Indication that the above-identified patent application is converted to a provisional application is requested.

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